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REF SING 5381 (IN 53415) (SENT DIR SAIG KUAL)
SAIG 2293 (IN 56533) (NOT SENT ABOVE ADDRESSEES)

1. RECOMMENDED PSYCH GUIDANCE VIETNAM. DENY ODYOKE
ROLE. NEW REGIME STATES NO FOREIGN INVOLVEMENT. ODYOKE
POSITION ON COUP IS THAT IT INITIATED AND REALIZED BY VIETNAMESE
THEMSELVES.

2. FORMER GVN DESPOTIC AND OUT OF TOUCH PEOPLE. DIEM
GOVT REFUSED MAKE EVEN MOST BASIC CONCESSIONS AND REFORMS
DURING RECENT CRISIS. NGO DINH NHU BELIEVE SECRETLY NEGOTIATING
WITH DRV. JUNIOR AND SENIOR OFFICERS AND POPULATION GENUINELY
DISENCHANTED AND MILITARY REALIZED LOSING WAR AGAINST VIET
CONG WITH DIEM GOVT.

3. CIRCUMSTANCES DEATH DIEM AND NHU UNCERTAIN. THIS
OBVIOUSLY TOUCHY ISSUE AND EMPHASIS SHOULD BE PLACED FOLLOWING:

AMERICAN GOVERNMENT'S POSITION ON VIETNAMESE GOVT.

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FACTORS. DEATH NEVER INTENDED BY MILITARY LEADERSHIP. REMOVAL FROM POWER. REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE APPEALED FOR AND GAVE EVERY POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITY SURRENDER THROUGHOUT PERIOD MIDDAY 1 NOV THRU MORNING 2 NOV. SEVERAL CEASE FIRES ARRANGED PERMIT DIEM AND NHU CAPITULATE. BOTH MEN GUARANTEED SAFE CONDUCT TO COUNTRY THEIR CHOICE ON CONDITION THEY SURRENDER. CAUSE THEIR DEATH CONSIDERED ACCIDENTAL AND OCCURRED DURING ATTEMPT TO ESCAPE AFTER CAPTURE. DIEM AND NHU REFUSED CAPITULATE DESPITE FACT THEY AWARE COULD SAVE INNOCENT LIVES BY SO DOING.

4. STRESS NEW REGIME PLATFORM PRIMARILY TO FIGHT COMMUNISM, JOIN FREE WORLD RANKS, HONOR ALL AGREEMENTS AND PACTS AND RESPECT FOREIGN PROPERTY. NEW REGIME PROMISES FREEDOM ALL SECTS AND RELIGIONS, INVITES REPS ALL SOCIAL CLASSES PARTICIPATE IN NEW GOVT. MILITARY COUNCIL DISCLAIMS PRIOR ~~FAIR~~ ELECTIONS AND ^{NON} DESIRES FUNCTIONING ALL COMMUNIST POLITICAL PARTIES POPULARLY ELECTED GOVT AND FREEDOM OF PRESS AND EXPRESSION

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ASAP. GENERALS DECLARED NO POLITICAL ~~XERXES~~ AMBITIONS AMONG MILITARY AND ESTABLISHED PROVISIONAL POLITICAL GOVT IMMEDIATELY. WELCOMED CONSTRUCTIVE CRITICISM, RELEASED NON-COMMUNIST POLITICAL DETAINEES, FORBIDDEN BURNING AND LOOTING AND UNLAWFUL ARRESTS, AND RECEIVED IMMEDIATE COUNTRYWIDE SUPPORT.

END OF MESSAGE

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